

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An instruction aid for training a user to perform a surgical technique, comprising:

an interactive template accessible by a user;

an animated demonstration of the surgical technique provided in the

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a video recording demonstrating performance of the surgical technique on a patient, provided in the interactive template; and

information relating to any surgical instruments necessary for performing the surgical procedure, provided in the interactive template.

2. The instruction aid according to claim 1, wherein the interactive template further includes access to published references relating to the surgical technique.

3. The instruction aid according to claim 1, wherein the interactive template further includes a link to a website to be accessed through a network communication channel.

4. The instruction aid according to claim 1, wherein the interactive template further includes a link to a schedule of training courses for the surgical technique.

5. The instruction aid according to claim 4, wherein the link to the training schedule enables a user to interactively register for a training course with a training facility.